

SENATE BILL 830

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 55 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, relative to tobacco settlement funds. This act makes appropriations of tobacco settlement funds for public school curriculum on the dangers of tobacco use for an indefinite period of time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 55, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 9-4-55__.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, prior to the deposit into the state general fund of funds received by the state pursuant to the master settlement agreement entered into by Tennessee and other states, United States territories and possessions, and participating tobacco manufacturers, dated November 23, 1998, ten percent (10%) of such funds received shall be appropriated and allocated to the department of education to fund curriculum by public schools on the dangers of tobacco use.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-6-10__.

(a) The course of instruction in all public schools should include, at some appropriate grade level or levels, as determined by the local board of education, courses and content designed to educate students on the dangers of tobacco use. The general assembly finds that the goal of curriculum shall include the health and safety of children. The state board of education shall include the

harmful effects of tobacco use when developing frameworks and curricula to be taught at appropriate grade levels kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12).

(b) The commissioner of education shall annually advise all school district boards of education of the provisions of this section.

(c) The study materials used in the course of instruction authorized by this section shall follow the state board of education's guidelines concerning curriculum standards.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.